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Temperance Legislation.

In the concluding portions of Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer's article on prohibitory legislation, which we print to-day, he treats very clearly of the two sides from which the subject of temperance is to be viewed and of the inherent rational distinction between drinking and drunkenness, a failure to mark which must lead agitators to untenable grounds and to reforms which will not in the end reform. In the final passages the writer is eminently practical in pointing out that prohibitory legislation is not likely to be effective where there is not the will to enforce those laws...

The President's Choice.

President Arthur has done himself credit by making an excellent appointment to the postmaster generalship. We rather expected him to do it, since he has done such things before. He has been showing evident signs for some time past of a disposition to relieve himself from the control of politicians in making important appointments and to be actuated by a conviction that the best thing for Arthur's credit was to give the country generally reason to applaud his selections for office and that the best thing for Arthur's credit was to be pleasing and probably would not be to the politicians of his party. It is an undeniable fact that the ordinary politician's view of the proper man for office is not that of the people generally; the politician holding office to be the reward of political service, while the citizen regards it as the guerdon of good character and capacity. Undoubtedly it is better for the president's party, as well as himself, that he should fill the offices at his disposal with men whose integrity and competency are well recognized; but the president who permits himself to be guided by the politicians about him does not act upon this belief; for they do not see it, since it is not their interest so to do. If they did they would need to see that they themselves did not afford good material for officeholders. Professional politicians generally manage to get themselves into personal discredit by the unscrupulous zeal they are wont to manifest in their political manipulations. Judge Gresham, being at present a United States district judge, it is remarkable that he is willing to exchange that life-office for the brief tenure of a cabinet place. He evidently wants a wide field, a more conspicuous place and more active duties. He wants to enter into political life. We hope he will find the exchange agreeable, though most people would consider that he has made a poor trade.

The Senate has passed a free pass bill, which follows the exact language of the constitution and assigns a penalty to the issuing of free passes by carrying companies to all save their officers and employees. Senator Cooper fought stubbornly to secure an exception for passes issued for charitable and benevolent purposes, but failed by a narrow majority to obtain it. If Senator Cooper had not been well recognized as the champion of those who are opposed to any restriction of the power to issue free passes he would have had better success with his proposal; but it was strongly suspected that under the privilege of issuing passes for charitable and benevolent purposes, their issue would be made very general. We think that railroads should not be prohibited from issuing free passes in charity; and it is said that this is not forbidden even under the law as it now has been passed, since no one will ever complain against a corporation which issues a free pass for a strictly charitable purpose. Doubtless that is so; but it is evident that a railroad official will have the very best excuse for refusing such charity in the letter of the law which forbids it. He should not be thus excused. We do not think that it is the belief of the Legislature that free passes for charity's sake are not forbidden by the constitution, there is any objection to providing in the law an exception for charitable purposes, only. What is charity is too well understood to make such an exception liable to abuse.

The new postmaster general is not known to Charles Emory Smith nor agreeable to James G. Blaine's friends. In the state Senate yesterday, Lee charged that he had seen the late president pro tem of that body, Nowell, of Philadelphia, acting as an official broker to distribute the aims of the railroads. Who has taken his place? The span of a single man's life and the wonderful material development of the country are signally illustrated in the fact that when the eyes of Peter Cooper were first opened upon New York it was no bigger than Lancaster now. BUTLER is verily shaking the dry bones of Massachusetts' past state government when he shows that its almshouse lying in departments were managed so as to cause the largest amount of infant deaths, in order to provide bodies for dissection and human hides to be tanned. GOVERNOR PATTON is about to issue a proclamation declaring forfeited the charters of those corporations and companies which have failed to make a return to the auditor general within three years, as the law directs. It is said the list will include 775 corporations of such a character as will cause general surprise to the public.

A FINE of not over \$500 and imprisonment of not more than six months, are the penalties which the Senate bill attaches to the act of any railroad, railway or transportation company, or any officer or agent thereof, who shall grant any free pass, or pass at a discount, to any person except officers or employees of the company. The editor of the Chinese American, Wong Chin Foo, will shortly publish an English translation of the greatest historical Chinese drama, "Fan Ton," or "The Royal Slave." The translator says that this play ranks in Chinese literature as Homer's "Iliad" and "Odyssey" do in Greek and Shakespeare's historical plays do in English literature. It was written twelve hundred years ago by King Ming, a direct descendant of Confucius. The plot is very deep and treats of court life with Fan Ton, a son of a king in the Tong dynasty, as the central figure.

The Rhode Island rebellion resulted in the triumph of the Republican ticket by a majority of several thousand, and a flash in the pan of the Butler-Sprague combination, the straight-out Democrats, however, not polling any considerable strength. Rhode Island is joined to its idols; and, even if were not, Sprague is hardly the man to attract its people to a new faith. The governor-elect, as soon as he heard the news, left at midnight to take the

steamer for Europe for a brief visit. Samuel P. Colt, Republican, for attorney general, ran 453 ahead of Governor Bourne and William Sayles on the Sprague ticket for that office, ran 279 behind Sprague. WHEN honest old Abram Peters was most unexpectedly elected to the state Legislature and sought Mr. Buchanan's counsel he was advised by that experienced legislator in all cases of doubt to vote "no." He acted upon it and had every reason to be satisfied with it. So Gov. Pattison, in his scrutiny of bills presented to him, promptly puts his foot down on everything of doubtful constitutionality or that is apparently unnecessary. He has vetoed the Pittsburgh street improvement bill because it was special legislation, and would permit a majority in interest of the property holders to have a street paved instead of the majority in number. Another bill vetoed increased the pay of township assessors and assistant assessors from \$1 to \$2 per day, changing the law of 1874; the governor remarked that the work would not be done any more thoroughly. There was no public demand for the change and the aggregate increase of cost would not be inconsiderable. The third provided for the equalization of valuations for school tax purposes in independent districts for med of parts of two or more counties. The reasons for vetoing it were that it was local and special; that it would create a special corps of officers and a new system of collection and auditing of accounts and needlessly interfere with the existing arrangements.

FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS. The West Chester Record joins the crusaders against free pipe lines. The Scranton Republican approves high licenses. The Lewisburg Journal believes in patronizing home industry. The Harrisburg Independent protests against sturdy tramps crowding the almshouses. The Germantown Telegraph assures its readers that poultry raising will pay if sensibly and methodically pursued. Until some other method is adopted the Reading News declares that the will of the caucus must be party law. The Altoona Times proclaims that the usurpations of the unscrupulous, soulless monopolizing railroads are becoming too oppressive. The Wilkesbarre Union Leader has no faith in the efficacy of free pass legislation, but approves it because the constitution so directs. The Norristown Times discovers that we could do away, were our coin reserve not tied up by laws and regulations, redeem every paper dollar in circulation. The Democratic Enterprise is a neat and enterprising newspaper, started at New Bloomfield, Perry county, and it disavows any such purpose as stirring up strife in the old party. The Easton Express notices with pain that the majority of our young men to-day regard the opportunities of acquiring wealth as of greater importance in selecting a career than anything else. The Pittsburgh Telegraph is grateful that the love of field sports has not yet died out in this country, however engrossed our people seem to be in money-making pursuits. The Chronicle Herald, of Philadelphia, observes that the less President Arthur has had to do with his old Stalwart friends the stronger he has grown with the country. The Philadelphia Evening Telegraph points out that if the Germans of Ohio have gone over to the Democrats to stay, that settles in advance the result of the Ohio election in 1884.

The Pittsburgh Post is shocked that there is as much scramble for a cabinet place as for any of the minor places in the gift of the president. The Erie Observer, with much satisfaction, concludes that true merit, and even wealth, acquired legitimately, will always command respect in this country, but stoddard aristocracy is despised universally. A HORRIBLE STORY—Tanning the Skins of Dead Paupers. The Tewkesbury almshouse investigation was resumed in Boston yesterday. The chairman asked to have the issue as to whether bodies had been taken to medical schools eliminated, as that would not be disputed. Governor Butler replied that he expected to prove that bodies had been delivered elsewhere, some to be skinned and the skins to be tanned. He proposed to show that after the bodies had been buried they had been taken up and sent away, and said that he would go into the graveyard at Tewkesbury and produce some of the alleged "remains." This investigation was to go on to prove the testimony which had been given to be absolutely false. The bodies which had been taken to him as records of the almshouse were not complete. They were copies of the original books. He wanted the latter, embracing those recording the deaths and the sale of dead bodies. The chairman said it was claimed that no dead bodies were sold, hence there were no records to be produced, but the governor said he would prove the contrary. Mrs. Thomas resumed her testimony correcting her statement that a pound of butter a week was given to the inmates. It should have been a pound of meat. Honors. Conners, an inmate, was kept as a "show" woman for the benefit of visitors, who were taken to see her, and flowers were always kept at her window. Thomas Hall, who had worked at Tewkesbury from 1874 to 1877, testified that he had all the dead to bury while he was there. He took bodies from the dead house under the orders of Thomas J. Marsh, jr., and the captain. Mr. Manning used to come and get the dead bodies, carrying them away in two zinc air-tight trunks. During the winter he was there the bodies taken to Boston averaged sixty-five to seventy-five. They were not sent in hot water. No pickling was done while he was there. The bodies received from the state prison at Andover, and the almshouse were, with one exception, sent away for dissection. When witness left he was paid one hundred dollars for the winter's work and for handling the bodies. He thought Tom Marsh used to collect money from Harvard college. The witness acknowledged that he knew he had been doing something wrong.

GENERAL GRANT entertained General Dix at a dinner in the Union League club, New York, last evening. Among the guests were Mayor Edison, Wm. M. Evans, Roscoe Conkling, Jay Gould, Senor Masties Romero, Russell Sage, Clarence A. Seward, General Lloyd Aspinwall, C. M. Mason, Colonel F. D. Grant, U. S. Grant, Jr., William Henry Harris, L. S. Grant, and the members of General Dix's suite.

DISASTROUS FIRES.

A THEATRE BURNED IN BERLIN.

Stirring News of the Day—Accidents and Incidents of the Week—A Rural Tragedy. The National theatre of Berlin caught fire about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and was entirely destroyed. When the engines arrived on the scene the fire had spread to the auditorium. The iron curtains separating the stage from the auditorium was not proof against the heat, and the flames quickly ignited the proscenium boxes, the royal box being the first to catch fire. A report of the disaster was promptly sent to the royal palace, and the emperor despatched an aide-de-camp to ascertain the particulars of the conflagration. All the theatre properties and scenery were burned. Nothing was saved. There was, however, no loss of life and no injury to the spectators. The place of amusement being being over the theatre and the origin of the fire is not known. The damage to surrounding buildings was comparatively small. Investigation leads to the conclusion that the fire originated on the stage. The proprietor of the theatre, a well-known major general, was burning, only arrived on the scene when the structure was nearly consumed. About one hundred persons are thrown out of employment.

The new pier at Nice was entirely destroyed by a fire. Only the framework of the bridge which connected the pier with the land remains. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000. The pier had just been completed. The fire was caused by a workman spilling tar on the pier, the tar being ignited and it was found impossible to stay the flames.

Perished in a Burning Barn. A barn belonging to Nathan Austin, in Charleston township, about two miles east of Wellsboro, Tioga county, was burned. The cause of the fire is unknown, but the remains of a human being were found among the ruins. The body was found by Justice Brewster called a jury and held an inquest. The testimony showed that the remains were those of Mrs. Martha Sylvia, a simple minded grass widow who lived by herself about a mile from the burned barn. The jury found that the remains were those of Mrs. Sylvia, and that she was murdered and burned by some person unknown. Considerable evidence pointed to George Travis as the guilty person, and he was arrested and lodged in jail to await the trial.

THE MARAUDING INDIANS. Their Trail Led to the Mountains. Col. Forsyth reports from Santa Fe that he has lost the trail of the Indians in the Chiricahua mountains. Mexican advices say that the marauding bands have been driven from Sonora into Arizona, but before crossing the line, the savages killed 32 people and carried off many others. Nothing has yet been heard from Heck's command. A telegram received at the war department, yesterday, says that Chief Spioche and the Creek Indians, who recently left their reservation, have gone into the mountains and are cutting the peaceful Creeks will hold a council with the seceders to-day, and if the latter refuse to return to their reservation, and are supported by other tribes, all the available force at Forts Kono and Still will be needed.

ASKING FOR AN EYE. The following letter from a Sioux Indian was received at the Indian office, dated Pine Ridge agency, Dakota, March 26: SIR: I am a friend of the Great Father, and am going in the white man's way. I have never had white men cutting wood, and I thought I would like a white man and chop some wood for my wife. A piece of wood flew up and put out my right eye, and now I would like the Great Father to send me another eye. I am a friend of the white man and am bringing my children up in the white man's ways. I am getting old and wish my Father would send me a cane. When you send the eye, please send a brown knife, and a box of my other eye. I hope the Great Father will do as I ask. I shake hands with a good friend. Your friend, BLUE HORSE.

CHIME AND GALANITY. Details of Fatal Accidents. John Smith, a miner, was crushed and killed yesterday in Bear Valley shaft, near Shamokin. James Peoples, a thirteen year old breaker boy, was killed yesterday in the West Beardside colliery, Mahanoy plane. An incendiary fire at Cadiz, Ky., on Tuesday evening, destroyed a store and a stable, causing a loss of \$20,000. Four other men, injured by the explosion at Moss Point, Miss., on Tuesday, have since died, making seven deaths in all. Albert Williams, a colored boy, was lynched at Eldorado, Arkansas, on Saturday, for assaulting an eight-year old white girl. Jennie Patton, aged 3 years; Edna Murphy, aged 6; and Lula Hewitt, aged 6, were drowned Wednesday afternoon by being brought through the ice on a pond near Valatie, N. Y. Geo. W. Davis, of the firm of Thaddeus Davis & Co., ink manufacturers, committed suicide yesterday in the Grand Union hotel, New York, by swallowing poison. He lived in New Rochelle, and leaves a son. A fire at Greeley, Colorado, yesterday morning, destroyed the hardware and furniture store of N. W. Hall, dry goods store of H. B. Sackison, Union bank building and Masonic and Y.M.C.A. halls. The loss is estimated at \$150,000. The jail at Hastings, Nebraska, was broken on Tuesday night by a mob, and three prisoners, named Green, Ingram and Babcock, were taken out. Green and Ingram were lynched, and Babcock, who promised to reveal the existence of a gang of criminal operators, were returned to the jail. The two were charged with highway robbery. Owea Davis, aged thirteen years, son of Frank H. Davis, residing in New York, was run over by a heavily loaded wagon, on Tuesday evening and instantly killed. Andrew Betzler, of Pittsburgh, a journeyman cooper, fell down stairs at the Roth Loue, Johnston, yesterday morning, and broke his neck. He was a middle-aged German. Friedie Suppes, a four-year-old daughter of Conrad Suppes, of Stony Creek township, Cambria county, was attacked and badly bitten by a savage bloodhound on Tuesday morning. Charles Stevenson, twenty-one years old, died at his residence, at the southwest corner of Newkirk and Emery streets, Eighteenth ward, Philadelphia, last evening, from the supposed effects of injuries received by him between during a tavern brawl on Sunday.

TRADE AND COMMERCE. Papers were filed at Albany on Wednesday organizing the Globe telephone company with a capital of \$10,000 for doing business throughout the United States. The company proposes to use instruments that will overcome all the present obstacles and talk over the longest distances. The secretary of the American distillers' association had a consultation yesterday with several Canadian distillers at Ottawa relative to the proposed modification in the custom laws affecting the importation of American whiskeys in bond. The U. S. consul at Zurich, Switzerland, reports that a national exhibition of all the products, industries, manufactures and arts will open in that city on the 1st and 2nd of May, and continue until the 30th of September. The indications point to a successful exhibition. The earnings of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad last month were \$2,044,000, against \$1,561,000 in March, 1882.

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